GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of the people belonging to the backward classes, and those below the poverty line; and

(b) the names and details of the schemes being implemented for the benefit of the people belonging to the backward classes, low income group, below the poverty line and families of the Safai karmacharies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) As the census does not categorise Backward Classes separately, there is no specific data, for persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) living below the poverty line in various States/UTs, available with the Government .

(b) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART(b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1833 FOR 26.07.2002 BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE REGARDING SCHEMES FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

The Government of India has been implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the Welfare of OBCs:-

(i) Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC Students;

(ii) Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students;

(iii) Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls;

(iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Welfare of OBCs; and

(v) Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs

The Government of India has set up the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) with the main objective to promote the economic and developmental activities for the OBCs and assist them in setting up of viable self-employment ventures and development of entrepreneurial skills. The NBCFDC provides financial assistance to the persons belonging to OBCs in all the States under following schemes:

i) Term Loan scheme
ii) Margin Money Loan scheme
iii) Micro Credit Financing scheme
iv) New Swarnima scheme
v) Educational Loan scheme
vi) Training schemes

The Government of India has been implementing following poverty alleviation programmes forthe urban and rural poor including OBCs living below the poverty line:

(i) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)

(ii) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS);

(iii) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY); and

(iv) Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

In addition, the Government of India has been implementing the following CentrallySponsored Schemes for the Welfare of the families of Safai Karmcharis:

(i) National scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of scavengers and their dependants

(ii) Pre-matric scholarships to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations

In addition, the Government of India has set up the National Safai Karmcharis Financeand Development Corporation (NSKFDC) with the main objective of extending concessional financial assistance to the Safai Karamcharis and their dependents for establishment of income generating and viable projects. The NSKFDC provides financial assistance under following schemes:

i) Term Loan scheme
ii) Bridge Loan scheme